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SUBJECT: MARRIAGE CASE - MENSHIKOV/CONLON

REF: STATE 301774, STATE 293084

1. CONSOFFS RAISED CONLON VISA REFUSAL DURING DECEMBER 14 CALL AT MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION AND LEFT NON-PAPER, COPY OF WHICH IS BEING POUCHED TO EUR/SOV. REPRESENTATION EMPHASIZED THAT, IF MS. CONLON CANNOT BE ISSUED VISA FOR WHICH SHE APPLIED, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHAT CONCRETE STEPS SHE AND MENSHIKOV MUST TAKE TO INSURE ISSUANCE OF VISA.

2. CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SUSLIN AND BOSIKOV AGREED TO REFER CASE TO "COMPETENT ORGANS."

3. SINCE MS. CONLON'S PURPOSE IN TRAVELING TO USSR WAS INDICATED ON VISA REQUEST, IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT SHE WILL BE ISSUED TOURIST VISA. MENSHIKOV WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO SEND HER A FORMAL INVITATION AND SUPPORT HER REQUEST FOR A "PRIVATE VISIT" AT OVIR. THIS PROCEDURE NOW APPEARS TO BE REQUIRED OF ALL AMERICANS WHO OPENLY INDICATE THAT PURPOSE FOR THEIR VISIT TO USSR IS MARRIAGE TO A SOVIET CITIZEN. EMBASSY NOTES THAT THIS PROCESS WAS SUCCESSFULLY FOLLOWED BY RANDALL S. SVIHLA (STATE 293084) AND SUGGESTS THAT DEPARTMENT ADVISE OTHER AMERICAN CITIZENS INQUIRING ABOUT MARRIAGE TO SOVIET CITIZENS THAT THEY MAY HAVE TO RESORT TO TIME CONSUMING AND CUMBERSOME "PRIVATE VISIT" PROCEDURE.
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